

whom the Government has a claim for \$16,000 on account of undervaluation of imports. Some time ago the firm offered \$2,400 in compromise of the claim, but the offer was rejected. The offer was subsequently increased to \$8,000 and is now under consideration by the collector, who says he is inclined to reject it also as insufficient.

CHANGE IN POSTAL RATES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Postmaster-General today issued an order changing the rate of postage on number of articles that have heretofore been rated as third-class or printed matter, paying postage at the rate of one cent for every two ounces. Under this order these articles will be classified as second-class merchandise, and will be subject to the same rate of postage as the fourth-class matter, upon which the postage one cent per ounce.

The following is the text of the order: The character of paper as an article of merchandise within the meaning of the postal laws is not necessarily changed by the printing or stamping thereon of words, letters, characters, figures, images, or any combination thereof. Labels, patterns, photographs, playing cards, visiting cards, address tags, paper sacks, wrapping papers, with advertisements, printed matter, letters, envelopes and other material of the same general character, the printing upon which is not designed to instruct, amuse, cultivate or excite, or to impart general information, are mere articles of merchandise and should be rated as fourth-class matter.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1884.
ORDERS TO NAVAL OFFICERS.—Lieutenant William J. Moore has been detached from the Washington Navy Yard and ordered to the frigate Albatross, commanded by the Secretary of the Navy to-day, to take effect at once.
A RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.—Lieutenant J. W. Walker has tendered his resignation of the post of adjutant of the 1st Cavalry to-day, to take effect at once.

BODIES OF DE LORE AND MIN.—Secretary Chandler has received the following cable message from Minister Hunt at St. Petersburg, dated Jan. 2, 1884: "The bodies of the two men who were killed yesterday, and whose names were given in the Telegrams from St. Petersburg, have been found, and are being sent to the United States by the Russian mail."

HURT BY THE FALL OF AN ELEVATOR.

NARROW ESCAPE OF SIX MEN—THE ACCIDENT SAID TO BE UNAVOIDABLE.

A freight elevator in Smith's Brewery, at No. 240 West Eleventh-st., fell from its tracks at 12:30 p.m. yesterday. There were six men in the elevator at the time, and only one escaped injury. The accident was caused by the breaking of the iron beam which supported the elevator. The beam was broken by the weight of the elevator, which was full of men and beer. The accident was caused by the breaking of the iron beam which supported the elevator. The beam was broken by the weight of the elevator, which was full of men and beer.

COLE, OTIS, age forty-nine, who lives at No. 246 Eighth-st., was killed. He had his left leg fractured, and his right leg broken. He was taken to the New York Hospital.

BUTCH, CHARLES, age forty-two, foreman of the brewery, who lives at No. 232 West Eleventh-st., was killed. He had his right leg and left arm broken, and was taken to the New York Hospital.

BUTCH, DONALD, age fifty-five, one of the proprietors of the brewery, who lives at No. 240 West Eleventh-st., was killed. He had his right leg broken, and was taken to the New York Hospital.

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WIDENBERGER, GEORGE W., age thirty-nine, who lives at No. 240 West Eleventh-st., was killed. He had his right leg broken, and was taken to the New York Hospital.

Joseph Camier, who was running the elevator at the time, was the only one who escaped injury. The engineer of the elevator, who was named, was not injured. The accident could not have been foreseen or avoided. This elevator has been running six years, and has not been out of order or injured, and nothing besides the broken beam, which caused the trouble, would have been damaged but for the cable on the drum. The elevator was not injured, and nothing besides the broken beam, which caused the trouble, would have been damaged but for the cable on the drum.

AWAKING TO FIND HIMSELF SHOT.

Dr. Louis Schmitz, of No. 102 East Thirtieth-st., sent a card to the police station at No. 102 East Thirtieth-st., yesterday, making the following request: "Please send for an ambulance from Bellevue Hospital for Thomas McMahon, a man who was shot in the head." McMahon was shot in the head by a man named Martin, who was shot in the head by McMahon. McMahon was shot in the head by Martin, who was shot in the head by McMahon. McMahon was shot in the head by Martin, who was shot in the head by McMahon.

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MR. PARNELL.

II.

HIS DUBLIN SPEECH, ITS VIOLENCE, ITS THREATS, AND THE ENGLISH ANSWER.

(FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

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cess of those inflicted upon us." He is sure of it. "Beyond a shadow of doubt it will be for the Irish population in England—separated and isolated as they are—and for your independent Irish members, to determine at the next general election whether a Tory or a Liberal Ministry shall rule England."

Well, it begins to be clear that, however intimately Mr. Parnell knows the Irish, he does not know the English. He forgets that they are perhaps the worst people in the world to bully. I don't even expect ourselves in America, because, after all, qualities and traits of race and blood are common to Americans and English alike. If it were not for Mr. Parnell's speech, he would be in the hollow of his hand the political destiny of this Kingdom of Great Britain, it is less true since he spoke. The cynical insolence of such a boast does much to defeat it. Answers pour in upon him from every quarter and from every class.

"Supposing," says the Conservative, "that Mr. Parnell's predictions are fulfilled, and he finds himself master of eighty votes in a House of Commons more severely divided than in the present, is he quite sure that the leaders on both sides have not virtue enough, and sense enough, to agree to strike these eighty votes out of the account on any question of Confidence?" Mr. Parnell has shocked even *The Daily News*, and though that journal is so far hampered by the spectre of Kilmainham as to hesitate about resenting his dictation, it hints plainly enough that there are means of ending the threatened control. "He has, indeed, effectually not permanently alienated the sympathies of Englishmen. . . . He has never yet shown that there is any principle which he would not, on an emergency, sacrifice to the political needs of the moment. He has always acted like a man who would do anything to win."

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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

A BRIEF SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES.

AMOS J. CUMMINGS URGED FOR ADEQUATE COMMISSIONER.

(FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—A few moments before the Legislature met this morning there was a singular scene to be witnessed in the Executive Chamber. A group of New-York members surrounded the Governor's chair and were in earnest conversation with Mr. Cleveland in relation to the appointment of a successor to the late George W. Lane as Aqueduct Commissioner. The members of the group, Senators Murphy, Platt, and Plunkett, and Assemblymen Hagertry, Boche, Clarke, Rosenthal, Oliver, Murphy, Jones and Duffy, all Democrats, suggested to the Governor the appointment of Amos J. Cummings to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cummings was enquired as to all the vacancy. Mr. Cummings was enquired as to all the vacancy. Mr. Cummings was enquired as to all the vacancy.

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